

SENATE BILL 592

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By: **Senator Della**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Workers' Compensation Insurers - Office and Personnel Requirements**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the office and personnel requirements for insurers

4 providing workers' compensation insurance in the State.

5 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

6 Article - Labor and Employment

7 Section 9-410

8 Annotated Code of Maryland

9 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

10 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF

11 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

12 **Article - Labor and Employment**

13 9-410.

14 (a) An insurer that provides workers' compensation insurance in the State  
15 shall have in the State [an office run by] a competent individual who handles all [of  
16 the] DISPUTED workers' compensation [work] CLAIMS in the State for the insurer.

17 (b) An insurer that provides workers' compensation insurance in the State,  
18 shall establish a toll-free telephone number through which an insured or claimant, or  
19 a representative of an insured or claimant, may make direct telephone inquiries  
20 during regular business hours.

21 (c) The Commission may assess a fine not exceeding \$1,000 on an insurer that  
22 does not comply with this section.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect

24 October 1, 2001.